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THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA
Mid-Atlantic District Resolutions Committee and Reference Committee
Manual 903.19 (new paragraph)

RESOLVED that a new paragraph be added to the *Manual* as follows:

903.19 The Use of Social Media. First and foremost, the content that we share should be respectful. As in all interpersonal relationships, we believe that the content of our social media should also be a reflection of the sanctified hearts for which we strive. Clergy and laity alike must be mindful of how their activities on social media affect the image of Christ and His church and impact its mission within their communities. Our activities should be life giving and affirming and should seek to uplift all persons.

(Proverbs 15:4, 15:28, 16:24; Ecclesiastes 5:2-4; Matthew 15:11; Galatians 5:13-15; Ephesians 4:29; Colossians 4:62; Timothy 2:16; James 3:1-13)

REASON:

1. The proliferation of social media in the lives of the members of the Church of the Nazarene cannot be understated. Outlets like Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and others have provided a new way for clergy and laity alike to engage with each other and with the broader world around them. The church cannot deny the cultural importance of social media nor the opportunity it affords us in broadening the scope of our ministry. But, we need to be mindful of what we publish for the world to read.